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SUBJECT. EVENING READING

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SATURDAY'S EVENING REPORT:

1. SECOND MEETING WITH CUBAN REPRESENTATIVES. AT OUR SECOND MEETING WITH CUBAN REPRESENTATIVES IN NEW YORK YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, THE CUBANS REACTED TO THE MODEL FISHERIES AGREEMENT WE PROVIDED THEM AND SUGGESTED MODIFICATIONS AND ADDITIONS. THEIR PRESENTATION WAS BUSINESS-LIKE, WITHOUT POLEMICS OF ANY KIND, AND THE ATMOSPHERE BETWEEN THE TWO DELEGATIONS DURING THE COFFEE BREAK WAS CORDIAL. SEVERAL OF THEIR POINTS WILL REQUIRE FURTHER NEGOTIATION, BUT THE CUBANS CLEARLY WANT AN AGREEMENT AND WE BELIEVE THERE IS SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY IN THEIR APPROACH TO MAKE AN ACCORD POSSIBLE. THE NEXT MEETING

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IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, MARCH 28.

2. GERMAN-BRAZIL NUCLEAR AGREEMENT. I CALLED IN GERMAN AMBASSADOR VON STADEN LATE YESTERDAY TO EXPRESS CONCERN OVER REPORTS FROM BONN SUGGESTING THAT THE GERMANS MAY ISSUE EXPORT LICENSES FOR SOME OF THE SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGY SHORTLY AFTER SECRETARY VANCE'S VISIT TO BONN ON MARCH 31.

I POINTED OUT THAT, AS AGREED WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER, WE ARE CONSIDERING THE TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TRANSFER OF THE BLUEPRINTS (WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO OUR VIEWS AS TO THE SYMBOLIC EFFECT AND ADVERSE PRECEDENT CREATED BY SUCH TRANSFERS). AS DISCUSSED BETWEEN YOU AND GENSCHER, WE ARE ALSO EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF BRINGING BRAZIL INTO THE LONDON NUCLEAR GROUP. REMINDING VON STADEN THAT YOU AND CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT WILL BE MEETING AT THE LONDON SUMMIT IN EARLY MAY, I URGED THE GERMANS TO AVOID ANY PRECIPITOUS ACTION PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE AGREED UPON EXPLORATIONS, AND FURTHER CONSULTATIONS.

3. REPUBLIC OF CHINA NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES. FOR SOMETIME, WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE REPORTS INDICATING THAT TAIWAN HAS TAKEN CLANDESTINE STEPS WHICH COULD LEAD TO THEIR DEVELOPING A NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE CAPABILITY. IN JANUARY, AN INTERAGENCY TEAM WENT TO TAIWAN TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE ON-SITE EXAMINATION OF THEIR NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES. THE TEAM FOUND THAT THE TAIWANESE HAVE MASTERED, ON A SMALL SCALE, ALL OF THE STEPS REQUIRED TO PRODUCE A NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE, AND, IF UNIMPEDED, COULD DO SO WITHIN THE NEXT TWO TO FOUR YEARS.

-- AFTER A REVIEW OF THE TEAM'S FINDINGS, WE INSTRUCTED AMBASSADOR UNGER TO CALL UPON PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KNO TO SUSPEND OPERATIONS OF THE NATURAL URANIUM FUELED

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TAIWAN RESEARCH REACTOR AND TO REORIENT THEIR NUCLEAR RESEARCH PROGRAM INTO PROPER CHANNELS. WE INDICATED THAT UNLESS THEY TAKE CORRECTIVE STEPS, WE WILL BE UNABLE TO CONTINUE TO SUPPLY TAIWAN'S IMPORTANT NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM.

-- THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY (IAEA) IS AWARE OF AT LEAST SOME OF THE DISCREPANCIES IN TAIWAN'S NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES AND WE NOW ARE IN THE PROCESS OF CONSULTING WITH THE AGENCY TO DETERMINE WHAT ACTION IT IS CONTEMPLATING. WE HAVE ALSO ADVISED THE CANADIANS (WHO BUILT THE TAIWAN RESEARCH REACTOR) OF OUR FINDINGS AND WE PLAN SOON TO ADVISE THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION OF THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS WE ARE TAKING.

4. ZAIRE DEVELOPMENTS. THE INVADING FORCES HAVE TAKEN THE TOWN OF MUTSHATSHA, WHICH THE ZAIRIAN ARMY HAD ESTABLISHED AS ITS MAIN DEFENSIVE POINT BEFORE THE CRUCIAL COPPER CENTER OF KOLWEZI. THE CAPTURE OF

KOLWEZI ITSELF WOULD UNDERMINE ZAIRE ECONOMICALLY AND POLITICALLY.

-- OUR AMBASSADOR IN ZAIRE IS NOW SUGGESTING EMPHASIS ON PROTECTION FOR THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ZAIRE RATHER THAN SUPPORT FOR THE MOBUTU REGIME. THIS ADVICE REFLECTS RAPIDLY MOUNTING DISAFFECTION WITH MOBUTU, WHICH HAS BEEN ACCENTUATED BY EVENTS IN SHABA BUT RESULTS CHIEFLY FROM A LONG-TIME RECORD OF ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL MISMANAGEMENT.
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